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1. The Naval School and Technical Institute in Piran trains future officers for the Yugoslav Merchant Marine. Entrance requirements are: completion of four years of gymnasium study; good character; good physical condition. Students are required to live in dormitories in Piran. The administrator of the student dormitory of the Naval School is Tine Tavcar and the political commissar Ivan Gabrijelcic. At the Technical Institute the dormitory administrator is Maks Svetec and the political commissar Lieutenant Franjo Dernovsek. Scholarships are awarded to poor students by the Istrian District People's Committee.
 2. Successful completion of the Naval School courses is required before entrance into the Technical Institute is permitted. The course of training at the Naval School is the same as that given at the regular intermediate (gymnasium) schools, to which has been added a nautical training department and a naval machinery training department. This combined course, lasting one year, prepares less-skilled personnel for naval work. After finishing the Naval School, and before entering the Technical Institute, all students must also pass through a practical training period, consisting of a year's duty on merchant marine ships. At the end of the period, students must demonstrate, in an unspecified manner, that they deserve further training.
 3. Those students who have successfully completed the Naval School and have proved themselves deserving of further training, then enter the Technical Institute, enrolling in either the nautical department or the engineering department. In 1949, the Institute also had a ship-building department, the graduates of which received the title of shipbuilding technicians. Seventeen graduates of this department are now studying shipbuilding engineering at the University of Zagreb.
 4. After having completed the three-year course at the Institute, students may continue their studies at university level, or may enter the Yugoslav Merchant Marine. Graduates of the nautical department may enroll at the

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Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Zagreb where they study physics and mathematics, or they may attend the Commercial Academy and study economics. Graduates of the engineering department may enroll in the technical faculty of the university.

5. One hundred and thirty-one students are currently enrolled at the Technical Institute, two of them girls who are studying in the nautical department. The curriculum is quite broad and includes approximately 40 subjects, including the study of the Slovenian, Serbo-Croatian, Russian, English, and Italian languages. Most of the students of the nautical department study such subjects as navigation, astronomy, radiotelegraphy, and signalling. Students of the engineering department study such subjects as mechanics and thermodynamics. The lectures are given by intermediate-school teachers, all Slovenes, who are specialists in naval matters.

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